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In re application of

Wolfgang Stoecklein et al

Based on PCT/DE 00/01671

For: Piezoelectric Actuator

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, between the title and paragraph [0001], insert:

[0000.2] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0000.4] This application is a 35 USC 371 application of PCT/DE 00/01671 filed  
on May 24, 2000.

[0000.6] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

A<sup>2</sup> [0001] Field of the Invention

replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

A<sup>3</sup> [0002] The invention relates to a piezoelectric actuator, for instance for  
actuating a mechanical component such as a valve or the like.